Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In regard to part (c) of the question, may I know from the honourable member, how long is it that urinal has been in the very same compound ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panickar: For some time now these offices have been in the same building and—

President: Government have now ordered the construction of a new building for the urinal.

Breakdown of Transport Buses.

11. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Transport buses excepting the Express buses plying between Trivandrum and Kottarakara, Kottarakara and Kottayam had to discontinue their journey on their way in the months of Thulam to Edavom this year, for want of spare tyres and tubes and the necessary tools for light repairs ;

(*b*) whether the drivers of Transport buses are authorised to replace tyres and tubes when they are spoiled or go out of order during their journey ;

(*c*) on how many occasions had the Transport buses to stop on the way ; and

(*d*) what were the reasons for such stopping ?

Mr. E. G. Salter (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question is not clear.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (c).

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With regard to part (b) of the answer, may I know from the honourable member whether the drivers of transport buses are not trained to replace tyres and tubes if they go out of order ?

Mr. E. G. Salter: No, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): May I know from the honourable member whether it is due to dearth of tyres and tubes that they are not allowed to replace them ?

Mr. E. G. Salter: Partly yes, and partly due to the inability to purchase jacks.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: In respect of part (b), are we to understand that traffic is to be completely stopped on the way because drivers are not permitted to replace tyres, even if spare tyres are made available ?

Mr. E. G. Salter: We are still confronted with the difficulty to obtain jacks.

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President : You see with jacks, one will not be able to extract the tyres.

Trivandrum Thampanoor Valley.

12. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have abandoned the reclamation and improvement of the Trivandrum Thampanoor Valley as per the Trivandrum Town Planning Scheme?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*) : No.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know from the honourable member whether Government are aware that construction of buildings or any improvement of a permanent nature is not allowed by the Trivandrum Corporation in the Thampanur Valley on the plea of the Town Planning Scheme?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether any steps for the improvement of the Thampanur Valley will be taken up at least in the course of next year or in the near future?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : It is on account of the high cost of the work that it is held up.

Transport buses.

13. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the transport buses, except the Express bus, are provided with tarpaulins ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the number of such running buses not provided with tarpaulins ;

(*c*) the reasons for not providing tarpaulins for such buses ; and

(*d*) whether the *samans* of the passengers travelling in such buses are spoiled by heavy rains due to the want of tarpaulins?

Mr. E. G. Salter : (*a*) No.

(*b*) 73.

(*c*) Non-availability of materials.

(*d*) A few instances have been reported.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the honourable member how long is it since these were not provided with tarpaulins?

Mr. E. G. Salter : It is difficult to give a definite answer, but if there had not been the inability to purchase, we would have been in a different position.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Cannot we get some substitute

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